

White Reporters Barred

Black Conference Excoriates Police

PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 31 (UPI) — Police have come under severe criticism at the third national Black Power Conference attended by more than 3000 delegates.

The four-day conference and daily workshops dealing with specific problems of the black community, have been placed off limits to white reporters by conference leaders. The conference closes Sunday.

One workshop on the theme "THE CONTROL OF WHITE VIOLENCE" WAS URGED BY A Philadelphia Negro leader to come up with recommendations enabling black people to get fair treatment from "gangster-like police."

Andrew G. Freeman, head of the Urban League of Philadelphia, said white people have a complete lack of understanding of why Negroes put changes in police attitudes at the top of the civil rights priority list.

Because of this, he said, a solution to the problem will be difficult.

Freeman also said the problem is complicated further by "legalistic patterns and highly emotional attitudes of white people."

He told the workshop, attended by many delegates who are college students, that unless police attitudes change, there would be no peace in the nation.

Freeman said Negroes were tired of having their children harassed and beaten by "sadistic, club-swinging cops."

A workshop on communications Friday was urged to use the regular news media to advance their "black revolution" instead of trying to develop a black news media.

Creation of a national black press, radio and television setup manned and directed by blacks was proposed later in the workshop session.

The workshops and main sessions of the conference were being held in the Church of the Advocate and four nearby churches in a predominantly Negro section of North Philadelphia.